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SUBJ: ALLEGED DEAL BY U.S. FIRM WITH NORTH KOREA

REF: SEOUL 8597 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTED MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (MCI) INQUIRY AND CONCERN OVER REPORTED INVOLVEMENT OF AN AMERICAN FIRM NAMED KATY INDUSTRIES IN A MILITARY BOOT CIVIL FOOTWEAR PLANT IN NORTH KOREA.

2. MCI HAS NOW CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF THE PLANT WHICH IT BELIEVES WAS EXPORTED 3 YEARS AGO AND IS NOW PRODUCING MILITARY BOOTS. REPORTEDLY, A GERMAN FIRM NAMED SHON COMPANY, IN WHICH KATY INDUSTRIES HOLDS 26 PERCENT INTEREST, EXPORTED THE PLANT.

3. MCI OFFICER ASKED FOR THE CITATION OF THE APPROPRIATE U.S. STATUTES GOVERNING SUCH MATTERS AND EMBOFF REPLIED THAT THE FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS OF TREASURY GOVERN AND THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITIVE TOWARD NORTH KOREA. UNFORTUNATELY WE WERE UNABLE TO FULFILL MCI REQUEST FOR A COPY OF THE FAC.

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4. MCI REP ASKED HOW IT COULD SEEK INFORMATION AND SATISFACTION

THAT KATY INDUSTRIES MIGHT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE BEFORE U.S. LAW
AND EMBOFF RECOMMENDED CONTACT WITH STANLEY SUMMERFIELD AT
TREASURY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE REPLY REFTEL AND POUCH TWO COPIES
OF THE LATEST EDITION OF THE FAC REGULATIONS.
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